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SUBJECT: DEATH SENTENCE FOR BHUTTO

REF: ISLAMABAD 2691, STATE 60396

1. ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BHUTTO AND FOUR OTHERS HAVE FIVE DAYS WITHIN WHICH TO FILE APPEAL BEFORE SUPREME COART OF GUILTY VERDICT AND ACCOMPANYING DEATH SENTENCE MEANS WE HAVE TIME TO CONSIDER MODALITY OF USG REACTION. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, I PLAN TO GIVE MFA SECRETARY SHAHNAWAZ ORALLY THE TEXT OF STATEMENT ALREADY AUTHORIZED, AT AN APPOINTMENT I HAD SOUGHT ON OTHER MATTERS AT 10 A.M. LOCAL (MIDNIGHT SATURDAY EST). I WILL ASK SHAHNAWAZ TO CONVEY EXACT TEXT TO GEN. ZIA AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT WILL BE DONE QUICKLY AND ACCURATELY.

2. QUESTION ARISES WHETHER USG SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE PUBLICLY THAT SUCH A DEMARCHE RECOMMENDING CLEMENCY HAS BEEN MADE. ON BALANCE I RECOMMEND DEPT SO ACKNOWLEDGE. AMONG OTHER ADVANTAGES, IT WOULD MAKE UNNECESSARY ANY PRIVATE NOTIFICATIONS BY US TO MHER GOVERNMENTS WHICH WOULD HAVE THE FLAVOR OF AN AMERICAN-INSPIRED CAMPAIGN.
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